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IAWG Executive Leaders and Board of Directors JANUARY 2024 Message

Greetings from your Officers and Board,

**The Club will be closed the first two weeks of January.
Our January Dinner Meeting will be the 3rd Monday, January 15, 2024
instead of the second Monday. (Please make note)**

Happy New Year.

As we begin the New Year, here is a recap of Our December Christmas Dinner Meeting 2023.

Our **Christmas Dinner and Toy Drive** was very festive with beautiful Centerpieces, table arrangements and sleigh ornaments all orchestrated by **Jocelyn Firenze-Pine**. The chatter and laughter by the 190 attendees proved to be a successful and enjoyable Christmas celebration. We had the pleasure of singing Christmas Carols along with the beautiful voice of **Maria Pignati**. One of the highlights was the appearance of the **San Mateo Firemen** who came and gathered so many donated toys for the Toys for Tots program. Thank you to all of our generous members for their gifts.

182 members signed up to attend the **November Appreciation Dinner**.

Unfortunately, only three members called in sick prior to the dinner. Ultimately only **165 attended** the dinner. The **Italian American Women's Guild** had to cover the cost of the **17 members** which amounted to **\$640.00**. Ladies it would be appreciated and considered proper etiquette if in the future we will be advised regarding your attendance. There is the possibility, in the future, that if you are a **"no show"** you will be responsible for the payment for the dinner.

Lana Vorrises announced some exciting events that are planned for 2024 and the IAWG members who won the **Foster City Bocce Ball Tournament**. **Captain, Anna Ramacotti, Mary Pardini, Arlene Garcia, Gloria Mirowski, Jan Beougher and Arlene Bin-Di Nitto**. Congratulations ladies!

The **"Colors of New England"** tour has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

President **Arlene Bin-Di Nitto**, introduced the Officers and the present Board members and thanked them for their support and assistance throughout the year. **Gail Mozzini, Doreen Mazzi, and Mena Fadelli** were also acknowledged for their kind guidance and shared knowledge.

Lori Bates was announced as the Sewing Chair. Lori will definitely welcome additional help. Anyone interested in joining the committee please contact lorijeambates@gmail.com.

Be sure to check out the photos on our Facebook Page and on the website taken at the event by, our **Historian, Linda Watson**
Thank you, Linda, great job!

Our Club has had a very fulfilling year and we are looking forward to new adventures we can share in the new year.

The Officers and Board of the Italian American Women's Club wish all of you a Buon Anno. Happy New Year.

Newsletter correspondent,
Corinne Verili Courtney

MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2024

Monday, January 15
(please note date change)
Dinner Meeting
(See page 4)

Saturday, February 3
Chocolate Tasting Tour
(See page 5) **Monday,**
February 12
Lunch Meeting
(See page 6)

All flyers are always
available on our website
[HTTPS://IAWGSM.ORG](https://IAWGSM.ORG)
& on the table behind the
greeter's table

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Payment for your 2024 membership
is due on **JANUARY 1st**
(see page 3)

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Making New Friends and Getting
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Wearing **NAME TAGS** makes this
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Arlene Bin Di Nitto

ambindinitto@gmail.com to

request a **NAME TAG** and it will be
available at the next meeting!



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JANUARY 1, 2024

Dues not paid by **FEBRUARY 1, 2024** shall be Delinquent. There is a two week grace period until **February 15, 2024**, after that you will be dropped from the Guild **NO EXCEPTION!**

The yearly membership fee is **\$75.00**

Please mail your check payable to IAWG to:

Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine

275 Uplands Drive

Hillsborough, CA 94010

Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine, Membership Chairperson

firenzi@comcast.net (650) 678-8765

Be a part of our great organization!



ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

It is the time of year for high school seniors to start thinking about scholarship monies to help with higher education costs. The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce acceptance of scholarship applications for 2024.

The IAWG Scholarship Fund was established as an investment in the educational promise for our young men and women. Our members have a deep belief in the power of education to help young people achieve their dreams.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be relatives of IAWG members in good standing, (i.e. children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews).
- Scholarships will be awarded for full-time enrollment in an accredited community college, four-year college or university. (Minimum 12 units per semester.)
- Applicants must demonstrate academic ability as well as being well-rounded individuals. Also, applicants must express how their Italian heritage has influenced them.
- Awards will be for one year and recipients will be required to reapply for subsequent funding. An applicant may only be awarded a scholarship for a total of two years.

Please send the student's name, address and sponsor's name to Committee Chair, Gail Mozzini, to request an application packet. Her contact info is:

gailmozzini@gmail.com

Applications are due no later than April 15, 2024

IAWG Christmas Toy Drive & Dinner Monday, December 11, 2023



These and more photos of the event can be found on our web site

[HTTPS://IAWGSM.ORG](https://IAWGSM.ORG) under Photo Gallery

(Photos taken by Linda Watson-Historian)



Italian American Women's Guild

January 15, 2024 Installation Dinner Meeting

Peninsula Italian American Social Club
100 North B Street, San Mateo, 5:00 p.m. No-Host Cocktails
6:00 p.m. Dinner

Menu

Cesar Salad and Roll
Calamari Steak, Chicken Scallopini or Vegetarian
w/green beans w/onions and rice

Dessert and Coffee

Cost - \$43.00 Members Only

Please return the bottom portion of this sheet with a check made payable to *IAWG* and mail to:

Yvonne Bushman
181 Glenbrook Lane
San Bruno, CA 94066

For questions or further information, please call
Yvonne Bushman - 650-619-6213

Reservation must be received by Jan. 3, 2024

(No Refunds for cancellations after Jan. 3, 2024 and no tickets sold at door)

Member's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

If paying for multiple-people, please list their names on back of sheet

ENTRÉE CHOICE (Please circle) CALAMARI CHICKEN SCALLOPINI VEGETARIAN

I would like to sit with: _____

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Need a ride: Yes _____ No _____ (If yes, someone will contact you.)



Italian American Women's Guild
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- At closing you will rate and score chocolate according to your 5 senses.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

2-3:30PM

\$45

OPTION: You may bring your own bottle of wine - glasses are provided.

MEMBERS ONLY ♥ LIMITED TO 20 GUESTS ♥ FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE

PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THIS SHEET WITH A CHECK
 PAYABLE TO IAWG AND MAIL TO:

Kathy McKibben, 707 Somerset, Foster City, CA. 94404

For questions or further information, please contact Kathy McKibben at
 kamckibben@mac.com or 650-759-0934

Reservation and check must be received by January 5, 2024
 (Absolutely NO refunds or cancellations)

Number of tickets _____ @ \$45.00 per person Amount Enclosed: _____

Member's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please let us know if you are willing to carpool or need a ride.

Carpool

Need a ride

Italian American Women's Guild
Monday February 12, 2024, Lunch Meeting

“HAVE A HEART”

Peninsula Italian American Social Club
100 North B Street, San Mateo
11:00 a.m. No-Host Cocktails
12:00 p.m. Lunch



LUNCH INCLUDES
MINISTRONE SOUP -FAMILY STYLE-BASKET OF ROLLS
MUFFALETTA SANDWICH WITH FRENCH FRIES
OR
GRILLED VEGGIE (VEG & CHEESE) MUFFALETTA WITH FRIES
BOMBA ICE CREAM
COFFEE, TEA, SODA

COST - \$40.00 MEMBERS ONLY
RESERVATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 5, 2024
(NO REFUNDS OR CANCELLATIONS AFTER FEBRUARY 5, 2024 AND NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR)

Please return the bottom portion of this form and check payable to IAWG to:

Andrea Bin
1501 Sequoia Avenue
San Bruno, CA, 94066

If you have any questions, contact Andrea Bin 650-291-0993

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ENTRÉE CHOICE: Muffaletta Sandwich Grilled Veggie Muffaletta (Circle choice)
AMOUNT Enclosed _____

I WISH TO SIT WITH _____
Need a ride Yes _____ No _____ (If yes you will be contacted)

All event flyers can be found on our website iawgsm.org/events
Please wear your nametags!

Anyone interested in learning to play Pedro can join on the last Wednesday of the month at Foster City Recreation Center at 1:30.



The IAWG will be sending out the **monthly newsletter** to email addresses on file. The newsletter will be emailed out by the 4th Wednesday of the month. If you do not receive a newsletter please email me

parmanino135@gmail.com

ADDRESS CHANGES, ETC.

If you have a change in your name, address, email or phone number, please contact Roberta Bernat

rbernat@att.net or 650.200.9095

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IAWG FACEBOOK PAGE

Our IAWG Facebook page is gaining new members each month. Join in the conversation about anything Italian and club events.

Search for the:

Italian-American Women's Guild (exactly as written) Posts are limited to club members, however your friends will see them. If they want to get in on the action, have them join the club!

Any issues finding our Facebook page, please

email me: **watson1441@gmail.com**

Ciao, Linda Watson



"BOCCE CLINIC"

Learn to play or improve your skills. Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Sunday at 11AM Tuesday's at 11AM by reservation only. Foster City Recreation Center

650 Shell Blvd
Foster City, CA
Lana Vorrises
650.703.7473

lanaladuca@comcast.net



How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!

Answer to DECEMBER trivia: *FRUIT CAKE*

JANUARY Trivia: " what San Francisco night club had the reputation for having the world's greatest female impersonators?"



Answer will be given at the next general meeting!

Trivia submitted by Doreen Mazzei:

Source HERITAGE Italian-American Style by Leon J Radomile

CHECK OUT OUR



WEB SITE!

For more information, pictures of events and useful links, please check out our website!

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IAWG BOOK CLUB
BOOK SELECTIONS FOR 2024

WE MEET ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY EVERY OTHER MONTH
TIME 11 A.M. UPSTAIRS

Members and guest are welcome. Contact Cathy Borrone
Phone: 650-242-1685 email: minirose_sonoma@yahoo.com

MONTH	TITLE	AUTHOR
JANUARY 24 TH (date change)	THE HOTEL RIVIERA	ELIZABETH ADLER
MARCH 20 TH	THE STAR-CROSSED SISTERS OF TUSCANY	LORI NELSON SPIELMAN
MAY 22 ND (date change)	ELIZABETH STREET	LAURIE FIABIANO
JULY 17 TH	ETERNAL	LISA SCOTTOLINE
SEPTEMBER 18 TH	LADY TAN'S CIRCLE OF WOMEN	LISA SEE
NOVEMBER 20 TH	THE HONEY BUS	MEREDITH MAY

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1825 El Camino Real
(Corner of El Camino and Trcondale Drive)

BELMONT
1025 Alameda de las Pulgas
(Corner of Balston Ave. and Alameda)

SAN BRUNO
2801 San Bruno Avenue
(Corner of Skyline Blvd. and San Bruno Ave.)

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Mission Statement

The purpose of the Italian American Women's Guild is to bring together Bay Area women of all ages with common heritage to perpetuate Italian cultural traditions in a spirit of friendship and support. The Guild intends to promote the social and educational enrichment of its members and strives to work for the good of the community at large with its philanthropic efforts.

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